

## **PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1b.** **RECREATIONAL TAUTOG**

### **Option 1: Status Quo**

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## Option 2: Recreational bag limit reduction due to poor stock status

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